GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON SECURITY
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) funds made available to Jammu and Kashmir for security purposes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds being provided for special police officers and village Defence Committees;

(c) whether ex-gratia relief has not been provided to the kins of the victims of terrorists wrath; and

(d) if so, the number of cases pending in each district of Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the reasons for the delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The Centre has reimbursed Rs.234.99 crore in 1996-97; Rs.154.96 crore in 1997-98; Rs.273 crore in 1998-99 and Rs.297.97 crore in current financial year (1999-2000 upto 9.3.2000) to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir as security related expenditure in respect of various admissible items.

(b): As informed by State Government, there is an approved strength of 10542 Ops Special Police Officers and 2486 Village Defence Committees in Jammu and Kashmir as on 10.12.1999.Three SPOs are attached to each VDC and as such the total strength of SPOs is 18,000. Expenditure in respect of these 18,000 SPOs is being reimbursed by the Centre as per approved norms.

(c)&(d): Ex-gratia relief to the kins of persons killed in terrorist violence is paid by the State Government as per norms and the Centre reimburses the total amount so paid, on the basis of reimbursement claims received from the State Government on a monthly basis. Case by case information is not compiled or maintained at the Central Government level.